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JGO Representative L. Mendel Rivers 16 October 1970

SUGGESTED REPLY

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Dear [redacted]

This is in response to your letter of October 9, 1970 concerning opinions of various Government officials and others concerning the Central Intelligence Agency in world affairs. I am enclosing a pamphlet which spells out the functions of CIA and the oversight exercised within both the Executive and Legislative Branches.

As you will note, CIA is an operative, not a policy making, agency. In addition, release of information about the Agency is controlled by statute. In consequence, there is little publication of opinion by legislators and Government officials who are knowledgeable of the affairs of the Agency. My staff has gathered several published statements together with a collection of statements on intelligence by Presidents of the United States which are enclosed. I trust these items will be helpful to you and provide the necessary direction for your research.

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